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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al) Art Unit: 3725
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Appln. No. : 09/638,032) Ex: L. Larson
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Filed : August 15, 2000)
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For : METHOD OF PRODUCING A ROTARY)
MEMBER MADE OF A METALLIC)
PLATE)

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 in response to the Office Action of June 21, 2002 requesting clarification of the rejections.

REMARKS

In the noted Office Action, the examiner advanced two rejections: (1) of claims 1 and 3 as anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) over Neumeyer; and (2) of claims 2 and 4-6 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Neumeyer in view of Cross.

In each rejection, the examiner stated that "...the noted claim language 'the boss and annular flat portion have substantially the same thickness' is not present in the claims presented for prosecution in this application" for (1); and stated that "Applicants remarksare directed to the formed boss and flange having the same thickness. Such feature is not required by these claims" for (2). In fact each independent claim 1 and 2 do recite this limitation. See the attached copy of